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(U) San Francisco – Limited Vaccine Supply Forces Closure of Mass Vaccination Site

(U) The mass vaccination site recently rolled out at San Francisco's Moscone Center will close for one week due to a shortage in vaccine supply. The closure will last from Monday 15 February until 22 February. No vaccine appointments have been canceled or rescheduled, and there are currently enough supplies for those awaiting their second dose. The site opened on 5 February and is credited for helping to vaccinate nearly half of all San Francisco residents over the age of 65. The Department of Public Health says that the city's supply of the COVID-19 vaccine, which is currently at 262,000 doses, has mostly been distributed. 190,000 of those doses have been administered, as of Friday night. SOURCE: 15 February 2021, KTVU

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Many Suspected Undocumented Immigrants Found in Brewster County

(U) Agua Fria – 21 immigrants, believed to be in the US illegally, were located in Brewster County Friday. According to the Brewster County Sheriff's Office, the group was discovered trespassing near Agua Fria. Deputies learned the group originated from various countries such as Guatemala, Ecuador, and Mexico. All 21 were later taken to the Alpine Border Patrol Station to be processed, according to a release. SOURCE: 14 February 2021, Your Basin

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – More Than a Dozen Domestic Terrorism Incidents Targeting Government Facilities and Personnel Since 2019

(U) Washington DC – A recently released DHS report has indicated that since 2019, more than a dozen domestic terrorism incidents targeting government facilities or officials have been recorded. The majority of these incidents occurred following May 2020 and followed widespread civil unrest, COVID-19 mitigation measures, and the election season, to include the breach of the US Capitol grounds on 6 January.

SOURCE: 15 February 2021, CBS News

(U) District of Columbia – Two People Arrested on Gun Charges Outside White House

(U) Washington DC – At approximately 5:30 p.m., an unidentified man and a 66-year-old woman approached US Secret Service officers on their own accord and said they were there to meet with the president. The two individuals were soon arrested after admitting to having weapons in their possession. The Secret Service said that "during the course of the encounter and subsequent arrests, the individuals posed no immediate danger to any Secret Service."

SOURCE: 15 February 2021, NBC Washington

(U) District of Columbia – SolarWinds Hack was Largest and Most Sophisticated Attack Ever

(U) Washington DC – A hacking campaign that used a US tech company as a springboard to compromise

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a raft of US government agencies is "the largest and most sophisticated attack the world has ever seen," Microsoft Corp President Brad Smith said. The operation, which was identified in December 2020 and that the US government has said was likely orchestrated by Russia, breached software made by SolarWinds Corp, giving hackers access to thousands of companies and government offices that used its products. Smith and his associates believe that more than 1,000 engineers worked on the attacks, which aimed to collect intelligence rather than cause destruction.

SOURCE: 14 February 2021, Reuters

(U) North Carolina – Three Arrested After 36,000 Fentanyl Pills Drug Bust

(U) Granite Falls – Jermaine Douglas Grandy, 39, Nevaeh Douglas Grandy, 18, and Khyran Rasaan Littlejohn, 25, were arrested and charged with multiple counts of trafficking in opioids. They were taken into custody after a vehicle stop where a search warrant was executed in Granite Falls. A search of the vehicle yielded over nine-pounds of fentanyl pills (approximately 36,000 pills) under the hood of the vehicle. Agents also seized \$894 in cash, three handguns, and their 2018 Mercedes Benz GLE 63A used to transport the fentanyl. The drugs seized during the investigation have a total street value of \$1,080,000 according to North Carolina State Drug Guidelines. Subsequent to the initial investigation, a search warrant was executed at Grandy's home in Lenoir. A search of the home was conducted, and agents seized 29 more firearms, and more than 5,000 rounds of ammunition.

SOURCE: 15 February 2021, WisNews

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iraq – Americans Injured in Rocket Strike on US Base

(U) Baghdad – Officials say three 107 mm rockets struck an Iraqi airbase in Irbil where US forces were based late Monday, killing one non-US civilian contractor and injuring a US service member and others. The rockets were part of a volley of approximately 14 hit areas between the civilian airport in the semi-autonomous Kurdish-run region and the nearby base hosting US troops at 9:30 PM. No one immediately claimed responsibility, but a US defense official said the attack was launched by a Shia militia group. Previous attacks by militia groups on US and coalition forces in Iraq have been linked to Iran, but an official indicated it is too soon to say whether Iran directed the attack.

SOURCE: 15 February 2021, Politico

(U) Nigeria - Nigerian Soldiers Kill 81 Boko Haram Members

(U) Sambisa – Nigerian Troops have eliminated 81 Boko Haram fighters in the Sambisa axis. The soldiers cleared many locations the terror organization had been using as a hideout, including several villages. The military encountered stiff resistance from the terrorists who laid bombs along troops' axis of advance. Troops destroyed the terrorists' camps, recovered gun trucks, and weapons as Nigerian aircrafts provided air and interdiction support. A source added that one soldier was killed, and four others wounded in an improvised explosive device incident.

SOURCE: 16 February 2021, Nigerian Daily Post

(U) South Korea – South Korean Spy Agency Indicates North Korean Hackers Targeted Vaccine Tech

(U) Seoul – North Korean hackers attempted to steal information about COVID-19 vaccines and treatments according to South Korea's intelligence services. The agency denied a lawmaker's claim that vaccine maker Pfizer Inc. was targeted. The National Intelligence Service (NIS) has a mixed record on confirming developments in North Korea. While North Korea has denied involvement, it has been linked to a slew of prominent cyberattacks in recent years, including a 2013 campaign that paralyzed the servers of South Korean financial institutions, the 2014 hacking of Sony Pictures, and the WannaCry

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malware attack of 2017. Acquiring a COVID-19 vaccine is crucial for North Korea, whose public health care system is subpar. Many outside experts are highly skeptical about North Korea's claims to have had no COVID-19 cases but say the country likely has avoided a widespread outbreak thanks to more than a year of stringent lockdowns.

SOURCE: 16 February 2021, US News

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